



Upcoming Events

A Saturday Arts Program
6-8 years old
Feb. 20, 10 a.m.-Noon
Arts & Humanities Building
Ada, Okla.
(580) 272-5520

Patta Butcher Silk Paint
Feb. 20
ARTesian Gallery & Studios
Sulphur, Okla.
(580) 622-8040

Basket Weaving Class
Feb. 20, 1-3 p.m.
Chickasaw Council House
Museum, Tishomingo, Okla.
(580) 371-3351

Coffee & Careers
Feb. 23, 3-7 p.m.
Carl Albert Service Center
Ada
(580) 436-7259

Chipota Children's Film Festival
Feb. 27
Chickasaw Cultural Center
Sulphur
(580) 622-7130

Youth Arts Month Celebration
March 5, 9 a.m.-Noon
Chickasaw Community Center, Ada
(580) 272-5520

Three Sisters Celebration
March 5-20
Chickasaw Cultural Center
Sulphur
(580) 622-7130

Ikbi "Build Brick Art" Exhibit
March 5-Sept. 11
Chickasaw Cultural Center
Sulphur
(580) 622-7130

Basket Weaving Class
March 5, 10 a.m.-Noon & 1-3 p.m.
Chickasaw National Capitol
Tishomingo
(580) 371-9835

Patta Butcher Silk Paint
March 12
ARTesian Gallery & Studios
(580) 622-8040

Genealogy Day
March 12
Chickasaw Cultural Center
Sulphur
(580) 622-7130

National Learn About Butterflies Day
March 14
Chickasaw Cultural Center
Sulphur
(580) 622-7130



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April 14-15 in Sulphur

Dynamic Women Conference set for Artesian

SULPHUR, Okla. - The Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference is set for April 14-15 at the beautiful Artesian Hotel and Spa in Sulphur. Mary Ruth Barnes, 2015 Dynamic Woman of the Year is this year's keynote speaker.

Mrs. Barnes, of Ada, Okla., is an editor, published author, photographer, award-winning artist and equestrian. She is American Cancer Society Director of Planned Giving for Oklahoma. Since 2012, she has raised more than \$10 million in estate gifts for cancer research. She was named American Cancer Society "Top Performer of the Nation" in 2012 and 2014.

Mrs. Barnes is active in her community. She is a member of the Ada Area Chamber of Commerce and Ada Rotary. She is a past presi-

Ada Arts Council executive board, and the Executive Board of Boy Scouts of America. She is also a Sunday School teacher.

Mrs. Barnes and her husband, Mike, have been married 40 years. The couple has two sons, Wiley and Selby, both of whom work for the Chickasaw Nation.

The Barnes welcome visitors to their horse ranch for lessons on natural horsemanship.

Established in 2006, the Dynamic Woman of the Year Award honors Chickasaw women who have made significant contributions to the Chickasaw Nation, serve as role models to other Chickasaw women and have made a difference in the lives of Chickasaws and other citizens, enriching their communities and society at large.

The artwork for this year's conference was created by Samantha Perry, 17, of Ada. Samantha is a senior at Byng High School, an avid swimmer, nine-year member of the Greater Ada Swim Club and two-time state qualifier with the Byng Varsity Swim Team. She is also active in cross-country, track, video productions and art club. She is an award-winning artist who enjoys learning

about Chickasaw culture through art.

Samantha is president of the Byng High School senior class and National Honor Society chapter.



Chickasaw artist Samantha Perry's butterfly artwork will be featured at the 2016 Dynamic Women Conference April 14-15 at the ARTesian Hotel & Spa in Sulphur, Okla.

She is a member of the Vision Bank Student Bank Board and a certified life-guard. In addition to her high school studies, Samantha is enrolled concurrently at East Central University. Upon high school graduation, she plans to attend the University of Oklahoma to study pre-medicine. She has been accepted into the Honors College.

In conjunction with the conference and forum, artwork showcasing the art of Chickasaw women will be exhibited. The conference is open to the public.

For more information, contact Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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Butterfly Art Contest Winner Samantha Perry, of Ada, Okla.

March 5-20 in Sulphur

Three Sisters Celebration at Cultural Center



Chickasaw Nation worker Stephanie Scott demonstrates Three Sisters planting to young Chickasaw girls. The Three Sisters Celebration is scheduled for March 5-20 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur.

SULPHUR, Okla. - Many manifestations of Chickasaw culture will be featured during the Three Sister Spring Celebration, March 5-20 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur.

The celebration will include traditional games, storytelling, stickball, archery, living history performers and family-friendly films.

There is no better time than spring to plant a Three Sisters garden and learn about the culture and history so deeply rooted

in the Chickasaw people.

When thinking of planting a garden, there are a few things to take into consideration.

The Three Sisters planting beds should be in a sunny area, clear of grass, weeds and rocks. The soil of the beds should be covered with a few inches of compost. Once the compost is laid on the ground, turn it so the soil and compost mix. Water the area well to spread the nutrients deep into the soil.

Planting should begin in late

spring, typically late May and into June. Begin by hoeing the ground and piling the soil into mounds about one foot high and two feet across. The centers of the mounds need to be about four feet apart and have flattened tops.

Corn is planted first. In the center of the flattened mound, plant five to 10 corn kernels in a ring pattern spaced out six inches from each other. The kernels should not be deeper than an inch, watered in well.

After a couple of weeks, the corn stalks should be at a height of eight to 10 inches. Plant the beans about six inches away from the corn, toward the outer edge of the mound. Again, these need to be watered in well, planted about an inch into the soil. The beans will sprout in about seven to 14 days.

Using the same planting technique, the squash is placed farthest from the center of the mound, about 18 inches, a week after the beans have sprouted. This is a good time to remove any weeds or weak corn stalks from the mound.

As the corn grows, the beans will begin to climb up their stalks. A gardener can help the process by wrapping the beans around the corn stalk. The squash will grow along the edge of the mound. It may be necessary to turn the squash ends toward the center of the mound. Water the mound well.

With little effort, the Three Sisters style of gardening will guarantee maximum efficiency of limited space and provide variety of vegetables within the garden.

For more information on the Three Sisters Celebration, contact the Chickasaw Cultural Center at (580) 622-7130.

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Anompa brings language online

The Chickasaw Language Revitalization Program has developed a new learning opportunity for all citizens via Chickasaw.net. Anompa, the Chickasaw basic review & assessment language workbook, is now available online.

The application may be found by scrolling to the lower right side of the home page, and clicking on the "View In Web App" link. From there, citizens may log in to begin working at their own pace within the workbook.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Department of Language at (580) 436-7272.

'Coffee & Careers' hiring event set for Feb. 23

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw citizens interested in working for the Chickasaw Nation are encouraged to attend a "Coffee & Careers" citizen hiring event from 3-7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the Carl Albert Service Center, 1001 N Country Club Road, Ada.

The event is hosted by Chickasaw Nation Human Resources.

Hiring managers will be present to answer questions, help complete online applications and conduct on-site interviews. Coffee and refreshments will be provided.

Candidates are asked to bring driver's license, Social Security card and CDIB. Departments attending this event include accounting, casino operations, counseling, education, health care, history and culture, information technology and many more.

Complete an application online at [HTTPS://Jobs.Chickasaw.net](https://jobs.chickasaw.net).

For more information on Coffee & Careers, contact Human Resources at (580) 436-7259.

To benefit Chickasaw, minority businesses

Chickasaw Business Network launched

ADA, Okla. - Gov. Bill Anoatubby officially launched the Chickasaw Business Network during the annual Preferred Vendor luncheon Jan. 11 in Ada.

With more than 500 certified preferred vendors, the Chickasaw Business Network combines additional existing programs for small businesses, including the Small Business Development Center, the Chickasaw Business Directory and a Bid Board.

“Combining these programs will allow us to better align our resources to provide networking, purchasing and development services even more effectively and efficiently,” Gov. Anoatubby said.

In fiscal year 2015, the Chickasaw Nation allocated more than \$40 million to preferred vendor products and services provided by Native Americans, many of whom are Chickasaw citizens.

“We continue to be impressed with the way Chickasaw and Native-owned businesses have



Gov. Bill Anoatubby and former University of Oklahoma quarterback Jamelle Holieway at the annual Chickasaw Preferred Vendor luncheon Jan. 11 at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada. Mr. Holieway is associated with one of the Chickasaw Nation preferred vendors. Photo by Jacquelyn Sparks.

Since its inception in 2008, the Preferred Vendor Program has connected Chickasaw business owners with Chickasaw Nation business enterprises, and supported the entrepreneurial efforts of Chickasaw citizens.

When the Preferred Vendor Program was established in 2008, Chickasaw Nation Secretary of Commerce Bill Lance said, it was one of the first in Indian Country. Each year spending with Preferred Vendors has increased.

American, African American, Hispanic American, woman or disabled veteran.

Information about participating businesses is entered into a database utilized by Chickasaw Nation departments when making purchasing decisions.

This database is used to produce Preferred Vendor reports which track how the program is contributing to the Chickasaw Nation's mission to enhance the quality of life of tribal citizens.

Preferred Vendors are also listed on the Chickasaw Business Directory, a tool that makes it easier for Chickasaw citizens to trade with other Chickasaws.

The Small Business Development Center provides business counseling and economic development assistance to Chickasaw entrepreneurs for more than five years.

The Bid Board program allows Tribal Procurement operations to be more engaged and provide opportunities for Preferred Vendors. The Bid Board supports the mission by providing certified Preferred Vendors information about opportunities to do business with Chickasaw Nation businesses.

For more information contact Randa Covington, Chickasaw Business Network Manager at (580) 559-0620 or email randa.covington@chickasaw.net.

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Exhibitors and participants chat during the networking session of the Jan. 11 Chickasaw Preferred Vendor luncheon at the Ada Chickasaw Community Center. Photo by Jacquelyn Sparks.

been developing and growing,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “Under the Chickasaw Business Network, we are confident the Preferred Vendor Program will grow and prosper even more than it did last year – and last year was a very good year.”

The Chickasaw Nation Preferred Vendor Program increases business opportunities for qualified Chickasaw and other minority business entrepreneurs by providing the opportunity to be a Chickasaw Nation vendor.

“It was always Gov. Anoatubby's vision that our Chickasaw entrepreneurs and other Native American entrepreneurs benefit from the economic activity of the Chickasaw Nation,” Mr. Lance said. “He made that commitment to you in 2008 and he is fulfilling that commitment.”

To date, the program has 522 certified vendors.

To participate in the Preferred Vendor Program, a business must be at least 51 percent owned, controlled and operated by a Chickasaw citizen, Native

Young leaders intern program open to Chickasaws ages 18 to 25

The Chickasaw Nation Internship Program is accepting applications for 2016.

The program provides an exclusive educational opportunity to exceptional Chickasaw students with internships in history, agriculture, business, accounting, human resources, Native American studies, com-

munications, anthropology and more. Young leaders interns are provided with eight-week internship opportunities, bi-weekly pay and one round-trip ticket to the internship location and housing accommodations.

To qualify applicants must be Chickasaw citizens, ages of

18-25 and a full-time college student. Deadline to apply is March 1, 2016.

For an application, visit www.Chickasaw.net/Internship. For more information, contact Catie Hamilton at (580) 272-1286 or email catie.hamilton@chickasaw.net.

Apply by April 1 for Chickasaw Homelands exploration

Apply now to join Chickasaw Nation Heritage Preservation, archaeologists and students from the Universities of Mississippi and Florida on a two-week expedition to the Chickasaw Homelands June 5-17.

Students will identify and record ancient artifacts, participate in archaeological surveys and excavation and search for the site 1541 Chicasa. Students will be immersed in Chickasaw heritage at many historic and

cultural sites during the two-week archaeological fieldwork opportunity.

To qualify applicants must be Chickasaw citizens, full-time college students and be interested in anthropology, Native American studies, archaeology or a related field. Deadline to apply is April 1, 2016.

For more information, contact Catie Hamilton at (580) 272-1286 or email catie.hamilton@chickasaw.net.

History project seeks oral histories from Chickasaw families

The Chickasaw Cultural Center is searching for Chickasaws interested in recording oral histories of their families' life experiences.

These oral histories will be an opportunity to share life experiences that have bonded Chickasaw families together, through love, laughter and faith. These stories of determination, strength and perseverance are legacies that will be

passed on to future generations.

Recorded oral histories will be archived at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

For more information, please contact Donna Hartman at (580) 226-4385.

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Negative campaigns aside, we live in a great country



GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor, the Chickasaw Nation

There is an old story told of the man who continually complained because he had no shoes. He didn't like walking with nothing to protect his feet. Having no shoes was uncomfortable and forced him to make his way more slowly than most.

One day while walking along a road, complaining to himself how much he disliked not having any shoes, he encountered a man sitting by the side of the road. He saw the man had a tin cup with which to accept the charity of others. Then he looked down to where the man's feet should have been, and he realized this beggar had no feet.

Our man with no shoes experienced a big change in his attitude that day!

We encounter inconveniences, challenges and problems most days of our adult lives. Things come up that can be irritating, even aggravating. But most of

us deal with these experiences to the best of our abilities, then move on to the next task.

It is now presidential election season in the United States. Many candidates are vying for the opportunity to represent their political party in the general election for the presidency. For 2016, we have many candidates running as we prepare to officially enter the season of primary elections throughout a number of states.

As we know from experience, these campaigns can become heated. Words go back and forth among the participants and, in our modern elections, those words can be accusatory, stinging and negative. That is the reality of American elections today.

It's important to put this campaign season in proper perspective. Each candidate is seeking to make an impression on the voters. Normally, the candidates who are trailing in the polls are more willing to take chances and be more aggressive in their messages. This year, even the candidates polling top numbers are displaying more than the normal tough talk.

That is the tenor of our 2016 election cycle.

Whenever I read or hear something negative coming from a candidate or a campaign, I remember that I am very fortunate to live in a country that is free, vital and prosperous. The United States offers a social, economic and cultural environment no other country can match. Each of us, as an American, enjoys countless freedoms and opportunities most people in this world would love to have.

In America, we have tremendous cities and towns, expansive agriculture, quality transportation sys-

tems, public education, clean water, religious freedom, job opportunities, economic diversity and growth, quality health care, housing choice, personal mobility and so much more.

People from every country on Earth compete to come to America. They covet American citizenship. The reasons above, and so many others, are why our country attracts so much interest. There is no other country that comes close to the overall appeal of the United States. We've got something great, and people around the world recognize it.

So, when you hear negative remarks about how terrible things are in our country, think about all the great things we have going for us. It's really amazing when you stop and think about it!

Think ahead to this November, when this election cycle will be complete. As we prepare to inaugurate a new president, notice that all the "noise" will come to a halt. We will join together and look forward to a new administration and the great things that lie ahead.

Americans love to speak their minds, and thank goodness we enjoy that right in our country! There will be plenty of back-and-forth on matters of political nature in the days, weeks and months ahead.

At the end of the day, America is a forward-looking democracy. We are positive about our lives and our prospects, and confident we will deal with whatever comes successfully.

As a people, we have an innate belief that all things work out for the best, and the best days are ahead for our country.

Role models for positive change

Chickasaw high school girls in Heart Association Sweetheart event



TAYLOR TALIAFERRO



ASHTON RAWLINS

Chickasaw high school sophomores Ashton Rawlins, of Ada, Okla., and Taylor Taliaferro, of Davis, Okla., have been named to the American Heart Association Sweetheart Program.

The program focuses on all areas of the American Heart Association, including volunteering, advocacy, learning about heart-healthy lifestyles, and discovering how to prevent and fight heart disease and stroke. The Sweetheart Program encourages young women to make positive changes within their community and peer groups.

Both girls will attend the Heart Ball, Feb. 20, at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. The black tie event brings together inspirational leaders from the American Heart Association communities to raise funds and promote the lifesaving work of the organization.

The event will include dinner, a Sweetheart presentation, entertainment, dancing and an auction.

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For women suffering heart disease

‘WomenHeart’ sets initial meeting for Feb. 18 at Chickasaw Medical Center

ADA, Okla. – A support group for women suffering from heart disease has set its initial gathering for Feb. 18.

The WomenHeart Support Network will meet in the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center Town Center. The group is open to any woman in need of support. It is free of charge.

“The network will be a vital component for women to learn and understand their heart disease more fully, discuss how the disease has changed them and their families and empower them to act as partners with physicians in all health care decisions that affect them,” Gerri Chambers, Chickasaw Nation employee and WomenHeart co-facilitator for group meetings, said.

The official launch of the program is tentatively planned for Thursday, Feb. 18 at 2 p.m. Meetings are planned each month on the third Thursday with special

guest speakers from the medical community. Additionally, healthy living and cooking demonstrations are planned,

WomenHeart encourages those who attend to bring female family members or female friends with them to the gatherings.

“Together we want to make a difference for ourselves and for all women living with heart disease,” Mrs. Chambers said.

The other co-facilitator is Chickasaw Nation employee Celeste Sweet. Both women have suffered heart disease in the past and understand the challenges women face battling the disease, the No. 1 killer of women in the U.S.

For additional information, contact Beth Cartwright, Chickasaw Nation health promotion coordinator, at (580) 559-0880.

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Chickasaw Foundation offices relocated to 2020 Arlington

The Chickasaw Foundation was established in 1971 and is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization.

Every year, the foundation is fortunate to receive many charitable gifts, including memorial donations. A memorial donation is a special way of remembering a loved one while helping others. Acknowledgment cards can be sent to family members, per your request, upon a donation being received by the Chickasaw Foundation.

The foundation appreciates employees who donate to the

foundation through the Employee Charitable Contribution Plan (ECCP).

In January, receipts were mailed to ECCP participants who contributed over \$250 to the foundation during 2015. Receipts will also be issued for those who contributed other amounts upon request.

The Chickasaw Foundation has moved locations. The foundation offices are now located at 2020 Arlington, Suite 4, in Ada, Okla. You may contact the foundation by calling (580) 421-9030 or visiting the foundation

website, www.chickasawfoundation.org.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping to make a difference in the lives of others!

“The life of a man consists not in seeing visions and in dreaming dreams, but in active charity and in willing service”
– Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Open to grades six through young adults

Anoli Writing Contest accepting entries

Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities is accepting entries for the 2016 Anoli' Creative Writing Contest.

The topic for 2016 is “Exploring the Intersection of the Roads I Walk.”

Writers will be divided into three age groups: grades six-eight, nine-12 and young adults

through age 24. Winners will receive cash prizes and medals.

Entries can be poetry, short story or an essay. Deadline for contest is Feb. 22.

For more information, contact Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520 or at artistinfo@chickasaw.net.

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Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes

Indian veterans initiatives announced at meeting

TULSA, Okla. - U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julian Castro has announced a grant to assist homeless Native American veterans. Secretary Castro made the announcement January 8 at the meeting of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes.

“By targeting resources directly to tribes, we can better honor the service and sacrifice of Native American veterans who now need a roof over their heads,” Secretary Castro said. “These heroes deserve hope for a brighter future, and by offering permanent housing solutions, combined with needed services and case management, we can work with tribes to end veteran homelessness.”

Twenty-six tribes were awarded the grant, including the Cherokee, Choctaw, and Muscogee (Creek) nations. The program, which is a collaborative effort of the HUD and the Department of Veterans Affairs, will combine \$5.9 million in rental assistance from HUD with case management and clinical services provided by VA to serve 500 Native American Veterans.

Noting it was very important for tribes to honor and support our veterans, Governor Anoatubby announced the Chickasaw Nation was in the process of building a veterans lodge.

The 13,000 square-foot lodge will be located on the campus of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center and will serve as a gathering place for veterans as well as a place where veterans can gain access to available resources.

Gov. Anoatubby also updated information on the Chickasaw Nation auto license plate program. More than \$560,000 in rebates has been distributed to Chickasaw citizens who have purchased 12,630 license plates since they became available in February, 2015.

Gov. Anoatubby also mentioned the recent opening of the Carl Albert Service Center in Ada. The center will provide a centralized location for training Chickasaw Nation employees and citizens. Other facilities under development include a Child Development Center in Ardmore, which is nearing completion. A Head Start, Community Center, senior center and information center are under construction in Tishomingo.

A new wellness center and area office are under construction in Purcell as well as expansion of the health clinic. A new convention center is also under construction at WinStar.

Several resolutions were passed during the meeting.

A resolution designed to reform the count of students

served by Johnson-O'Malley education services. The resolution asserts that more than 400,000 students eligible for JOM services are currently not being served.

A resolution requesting authority for tribes to petition directly to the Keepseagle board and receive those funds directly from the Keepseagle Cy Pres funds. The petition relates to the \$680 million fund created through settlement of the *Keepseagle v. Vilsack* lawsuit. The case was filed in 1999 by Native American farmers and ranchers claiming systemic discrimination by the USDA.

Two resolutions were passed supporting the Mental Health Access Improvement Act of 2015 and the Seniors Mental Health Access Improvement Act of 2015.



Gov. Bill Anoatubby and U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julian Castro at the Jan. 8 Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes in Tulsa. Secretary Castro announced a program for homeless Indian veterans.

A resolution establishing a commitment to the 2016 Nativevisions Sports and Lifeskills camp. The resolution makes a commitment that each member

tribe of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes will send 200 participants to the camp.

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Barbour, tribe cited with Governor’s Arts Award



Governor Bill Anoatubby and Chickasaw artist Jeannie Barbour at the Governor’s Arts Awards for Excellence in the Arts. Ms. Barbour and the Chickasaw Nation received the awards from Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin at the Oklahoma state capitol Dec. 2. The awards are sponsored by the Oklahoma Arts Council.

OKLAHOMA CITY - Celebrated Chickasaw artist, historian and author Jeannie Barbour received the Governor’s Arts Award for Excellence in the Arts before a packed house at the glistening refurbished fourth floor state capitol rotunda.

The award was presented December 2.

The Chickasaw Nation also was cited by Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin for its “rich tradition of fostering Chickasaw arts and nurturing the artistic careers of its citizens. Its support of the arts beyond its boundaries impacts communities throughout Oklahoma.”

Governor Bill Anoatubby accepted the coveted award on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation and its citizens.

“It’s such a special day,” Gov. Anoatubby said following the formal presentation of awards. “Jeannie is such a talented artist, writer and historian. She is very deserving of this honor. Her creativity and talent combined with her knowledge and understanding of Chickasaw culture have helped her create beautiful works of art which enrich our lives and strengthen our community.”

The awards, sponsored by the Oklahoma Arts Council, pointed out the tribe’s contributions to organizations such as Lyric Theatre, the Oklahoma City Philharmonic, deadCENTER Film Institute, Oklahoma City Ballet and the Oklahoma City Museum of Art.

Gov. Anoatubby said it was an honor to be recognized by the council.

“It is important to remember

the significant role the arts play in our lives,” he said. “Fine art brings beauty into our world and enriches our lives by helping to inspire understanding and a sense of community. It is important to us to offer access to the arts for students of all ages. In addition to the intrinsic value of arts, education in the arts helps encourage creative thinking and problem solving skills. It also improves performance in math and strengthens reading skills.”

Ms. Barbour, who serves the Chickasaw Nation as creative development director, is a nationally-recognized artist and lecturer. She has spoken before the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian; served on design committees for sculptures at the University of Oklahoma and University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, located in Chickasha, and assists young artists and teaches oral traditions at the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy. Her service on state and national levels includes the board of Oklahoma Film and Music office, the National Trail of Tears Advisory Board and the National Museum of the American Indian.

She joined the Chickasaw Nation as a graphic artist in 1987 and has served in many capacities with the Nation, most recently researching and developing concepts for full-length motion pictures, including a film focusing on the life of Te Ata Thompson-Fisher. Mrs. Fisher was an acclaimed actress, storyteller and culturalist. A Chickasaw born in 1895, Mrs. Fisher performed

for royalty, President and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and toured dozens of countries entertaining thousands.

A movie concerning Mrs. Fisher’s early life is in post-production. Filming ended in October 2014.

In a recent interview, Barbour said her efforts are concentrated on sending an uplifting message about the Chickasaw people.

“You won’t see a Trail of Tears painting out of me,” Ms. Barbour said. “We all know the history so I don’t need to rehash it. I prefer to draw on subjects that are positive for our people today. We are survivors and I hope my art reflects that.”

Awards are nothing new for Ms. Barbour. In 2013, she was named Illustrator of the Year by the Oklahoma Chapter of the International Society for Key Women Educators.

Delta Kappa Gamma cited her art work in “Chikasha Stories, Volume One: Shared Spirit.” Now, the three-volume set of stories are available for sale. They were written by renowned Chickasaw oral historian Glenda Galvan, who specifically requested Barbour illustrate the books.

The state chapter selected her work as the very best based upon the expression of “creativity that encourages, inspires and reaches children,” the chapter said in announcing the award. “We are pleased to honor your work. As one judge states, ‘the illustrations delightfully add to the tales. The expressions on the animals’ faces are exquisite.”

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Patta Butcher is a full-time, Choctaw artist living and working in Norman, Oklahoma. She has been creating art all of her life and has been a professional artist for more than 30 years. Currently, she expresses her art in the medium of hand-painted silk. Patta’s formal education is in fashion design, clothing and textiles, with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Oklahoma.

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GRADUATIONS

The family of 22 year-old Andrea Garrett Wakeland, proudly announces her graduation from The University of Tulsa Dec. 19, 2015 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Management Information Systems. We also congratulate her on landing her first full-time job as an Associate IT Programmer Analyst with Omnitracs LLC in Dallas, Texas starting January 2016.



Andrea Garrett Wakeland was born in Dallas, Texas to parents Gabrielle Rodke Garrett and Carl Kittredge Wakeland in March 1993 and spent her first four years of life in Austin, Texas. Andrea grew up and attended public schools in Scotts Valley, California from 1997 to 2011 before attending the University of Tulsa in Oklahoma. She achieved the Gold Award in Girl Scouts the summer of 2011, and is an avid fan of computer games, anime, Japanese cooking and culture, reading, archery and cats.

Andrea's Chickasaw connections: She is a descendant of Winchester Colbert, second governor of the Chickasaw Nation. She is the granddaughter of Pauline Rodke and niece of Pamela Rodke Filipelli, both living in Ada, Oklahoma. Her great-grandfather was Benjamin Paul Rodke and great aunt was Marie Rodke Bailey. Andrea is also a close cousin of Elizabeth Rodke Washburn and Kevin Washburn, of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Our family is very appreciative of the assistance given to our daughter by the Chickasaw Nation over the past four years. We are also very appreciative of the support and guidance of the University of Tulsa faculty and staff and Collins College of Business to help enable Andrea to reach this stepping stone in her life.

CONGRATULATIONS



Caleb Scott is a Chickasaw citizen. He led his team, Destiny Christian School, to its second straight Oklahoma Christian School Athletic Association State football championship on November 13, 2015. The game was played at Edmond Memorial High School.

Caleb Scott, 17, is a senior and quarterback for his high school football team.

He threw for 3,133 yards in 11 games this year. He threw 47 passing TDs and rushed for 13 TDs. He set a school record for most passing yards and most passing TDs in a season.

His team finished with a perfect 11-0. Caleb has never lost a game in two

years as the starting QB for Destiny. Caleb is being recruited by several colleges in Oklahoma and Kansas. Link to article in the Oklahoman: <http://newsok.com/article/5461360>.

CONGRATULATIONS

Jessica Moore is a junior at Red Oak High School in Red Oak, Texas. She is the daughter of Charlene Jane Thomas, and granddaughter of Jesse Douglas Staton.

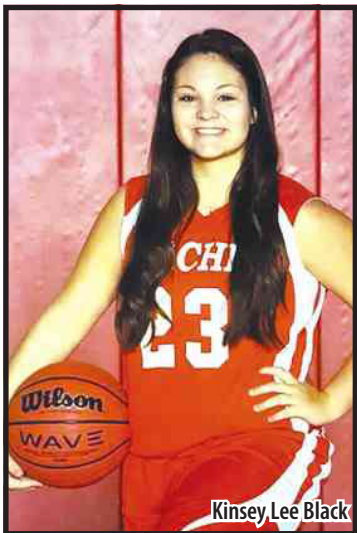
Jessica was inducted into the National Honor Society on November 11, 2015.

Along with being inducted into the National Honor Society, Jessica is also a varsity soccer player, a student with all honors classes, including ones that are dual credit for college, and a member of Student Council and multiple other school groups.

Her mother and grandfather are very proud of her.



BIRTHDAYS



Kinsey Lee Black is an 8th grader at Cache Middle School in Cache, Okla. She is the daughter of Brandy and Luis Juarez, and the granddaughter of Pastor Jim and Phyllis Myers. She is little sister to Derek and Kassey.

Kinsey celebrated her 14th birthday on January 17, 2016. Kinsey is very active in school and the community and keeps her family busy.

Kinsey is on the Superintendent's Honor Roll, softball team, basketball team, a member of the Introduction to Agriculture class, and a member of Restoration Church of God in Cache, Okla.



Happy Birthday to Keilan Aaron McNeill, who turned one year old on January 8, 2016.

He is the son of Aaron and Crystal McNeill, of Sacramento, Calif. His grandparents are Don and Debra McNeill, of Ada, Okla., and Dexter and Valerie Underwood, of Mill Creek, Okla.

We love you!!

Indian farmers, ranchers, vets workshop to key on financial management, restricted lands

OKMULGEE, Okla. - A free workshop for farmers, ranchers and veterans will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, March 11 on the campus of the College of the Muscogee Nation in Okmulgee.

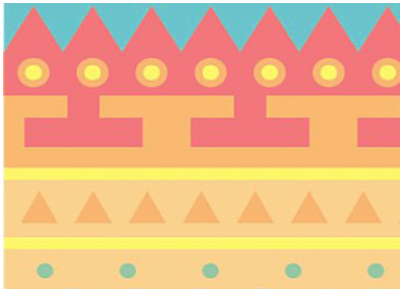
The Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative (MFSI) is hosting a presentation by Janie Hipp, a Chickasaw, and Creek Nation Realty Department on financial management and accessing Restricted land.

Ms. Hipp is Director of the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative and Legal Council and teacher for Restricted lands and Financial Literacy issues at the University of Arkansas School of Law. She has been working with OK Farm Credit officials in providing a financial training curriculum for farmers and ranchers that can be accessed online.

The first ever "Restricted Lands Guidebook," written by Ms. Hipp and MFSI Director Lizanne Holata, will be distributed. The guidebook provides step-by-step instructions for accessing Restricted lands and detailed information on services offered by Muscogee Creek Nation Realty Department. It includes a list of legal aid and attorneys who specialize in legal matters pertaining to Restricted lands and will be available online soon at the MFSI website link below.

Please call Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative to register at (918) 756-5915.

Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative www.mvskokefood.org
College of the Muscogee Nation www.mvsktc.org.



Tribe offers rebates to purchasers

Chickasaw Nation auto license plate numbers top 14,000



ADA, Okla. -- Almost 14,000 Chickasaws are honoring their heritage by displaying Chickasaw Nation license plates on vehicles.

Since the license plates became available in February 2015, the Chickasaw Nation has issued more than \$606,000 in license plate rebates. The tribe's finance office issues an average of 1,145 rebates per

month.

It is very important the tag agency accurately records your citizenship identification number and current mailing address to help ensure rebates are received in a timely manner.

Citizens will receive a rebate after the Oklahoma Tax Commission (OTC) formally registers Chickasaw license plates.

Rebates will also be issued for tag renewals or any other transaction involving a Chickasaw Nation license plate.

Chickasaws are urged to contact the tribe in the event they have not received a rebate in a timely manner.

Please phone (580) 436-7274 or email licenseplates@chickasaw.net with any questions.



The Chickasaw Times app provides fast and easy access to news and events of the Chickasaw Nation while you are on the move!



Kullihoma Spring Turkey Hunt permits deadline is March 18

Youth Hunt is April 2-3, 2016.

Adult Hunt is April 6-May 6, 2016.

*To participate, you must be Chickasaw, fill out application, and present copy of CDIB. To request an application, call 580-310-6466. Deadline for registration is March 18, 2016



Special Permit Request Youth

Spring Turkey Hunt on Tribal Land/Kullihoma Reservation

Name: _____
Phone Number: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Vehicle: Car or Truck (circle one) Make: _____
Model: _____ Color: _____
Year: _____ Tag Number: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____
Emergency Contact Number: _____

Must present copy of your CDIB card.



Special Permit Request Adult

Spring Turkey Hunt on Tribal Land/Kullihoma Reservation

Name: _____
Phone Number: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Vehicle: Car or Truck (circle one) Make: _____
Model: _____ Color: _____
Year: _____ Tag Number: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____
Emergency Contact Number: _____

Must present copy of your CDIB card.

Sustainability of financial assets will serve Chickasaws well into the future

Greetings!
The Greater Chickasaw Nation continues to invest in the infrastructure of our Great Nation through the sustainability of existing programs, as well engaging in the discovery process for new and innovative strategic initiatives. Our Nation is excelling due to the leadership of so many. Our government is strong because we have invested in over 10,000 employees, through all segments



CONNIE BARKER
Chairman
Chickasaw
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of business, to create this sustainability. It is no different with our Executive, Legislative and Judicial Branches of government. We must continue to operate as other corporations and companies operate in order to preserve our businesses through economic downturns. The structure of our businesses is deliberate, and provides some level of insulation during economic downturns and is predicated on creating revenues over expenses. Due to the visionary senior level design in these assets and the financial investment that the nation has made in its workforce, the Nation, "WE," have sustainability into the future for our children and grandchildren. It is refreshing to start a new year and realize what a tremendous investment we have

made in our employees (each other) and can rest, but not get complacent, with the fact that there is sustainability and the nation remains vibrant and poised for the future.

I remain grateful that you have elected me to represent you and I remain faithful to the goals of the Greater Chickasaw Nation. I will continue to evaluate all orders of business that comes before me, and as one of thirteen elected legislators, continue to make informed decisions that will move our Great Nation forward. I trust that each of you continues to embrace our heritage with the zeal and enthusiasm that has positioned us where we are today and that you, as well as I, can say proudly that "It is a good day to be a Chickasaw." God Bless.

Connie Barker
Legislative Chairperson
Pickens District
Seat 2

Johns Hopkins athletic camps offer great experiences to tribal youth

Chokma, chinchokma, Hello, how are you?
This month, I want to tell you about another wonderful opportunity for our kids and grandkids that will be happening this summer for the first time in Oklahoma.

Each June, more than 60 professional and collegiate athletes travel to an American Indian tribal community to offer 600-1,000 American Indian youth, from dozens of tribes across North America, clinics in football, basketball, track, volleyball, soccer, and lacrosse. In addition, tribal and public health leaders conduct workshops on life skills such as nutrition, entrepreneurship, self-expression, leadership, and goal setting.



NANCY ELLIOTT
Secretary
Chickasaw
Tribal
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These clinics and workshops are sponsored by the John Hopkins Center for American Indian Health, whose goal is to promote health by offering many programs to Native Americans ranging from birth to young adulthood. Native Vision is the name of their free, annual three-day camp focusing on health and fitness for tribal youth, ages 8-18.

The camp was founded by Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health and the NFL Players Association in 1996. Each camp serves up to 1,000 youth from tribes across the country. It is led by 65 volunteer pro/college athlete mentors, combined with Johns Hopkins public health experts to use the sports of lacrosse, football, basketball, soccer, volleyball and track to teach the importance of health and fitness to young people.

For the last three years, the Native Vision camp has been held on the Navajo reservation. However, on June 9-11, 2016 the camp will be brought to the Muscogee Creek Nation and will be available to youth from tribes across Oklahoma.

The Chickasaw Nation offers many wonderful sports camps, as well as many other camps. However, the Native Vision camp will be one more wonderful opportunity that we can offer to our youth. We, along with the other tribes of the Inter-tribal Council, will help support Native Vision by pledging our support, monetarily and in-kind donations, to help make this year a wonderful success.

We are very blessed that Native Vision has chosen the tribal communities in Oklahoma for this wonderful opportunity, and look forward to having them in Oklahoma for the next couple of years.

Look for more information about this camp in the coming months.

Hope to see you soon at one of the Community Council meetings. Please let me know if I can help you in anyway. Chipisala' cho anowa, Until I see you again,
Nancy
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Energy help, home maintenance, driveway programs now available

Greetings from the Pickens District! We are entering into the coldest months of the year. I would like to remind you of some of the programs and services the tribe offers in an effort to help our elders with maintenance on their homes.

Elderly Energy Assistance Program

This program is for our elders, 60 years of age and older, who are not covered by any other services and have no way to get the assistance they need for heating and cooling their homes. The program provides assistance once in the winter and once in the summer. Utilities covered include gas, water, electricity or deposits. You may apply at any Area Office or by calling a Community Health Representative (CHR).



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Application forms are available at the Aging Administration Office or at any senior nutrition center. They can also be completed via telephone. For more information, call (580) 795-9790.

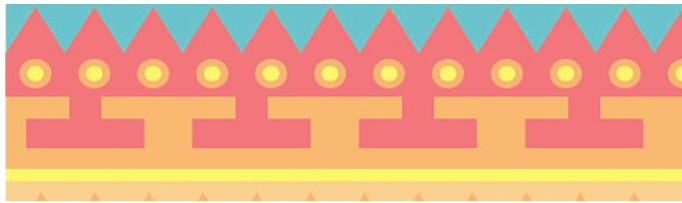
Private Driveway Repair/Construction

Eligible Chickasaw elders 62 years and older with special needs living within the Chickasaw Nation may apply for repair and/or construction of private driveways on homes and property they own. Forms are available at the Roads Program Office, Chickasaw Senior Centers and Area Offices. For more information, call (580) 272-5491.

Please take advantage of these and many other services offered. We work hard to provide the best services and care possible for our elders.

If you walk in My ways, keeping My statutes and commandments, as your father David walked, then I will prolong your days. ~1 Kings 3:14

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If you miss out on the taco sale, you have missed more than just the tacos

Well we have the first month of the New Year under our belt! It is time to settle in and make 2016 a year to remember! Try something new! Like, maybe attend a Chickasaw event or community council meeting. How about coming to the Panola District to visit? We will show you the sights!

Panola Senior Center reported a record breaking Taco sale night for the New Year! It is one of the best meals a person can get, eating out, the price is unmatched



BETH ALEXANDER
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anywhere you go at \$5.00 and the most important aspect of the entire event- a chance to socialize with friends and strangers alike! Remember back in school, going through the lunch line and then searching for a place to sit and eat? I do. It was not a fun relaxing time. So what has changed over the years? People have. But only in maturity. I admire those who go before me because they are setting a great example of how to enjoy the moment in time! Many taco attendees sit with friends and family and then many attendees sit wherever there is an open seat. This then begins the adventure of "breaking bread" with strangers. It is a wonderful experience! Young and old alike are making memories. Sharing life with each other. Just as our ancestors did. It is not uncommon to see grandchildren in the mix either. Elders doing what they do best, sharing love, traditions and training for those following in their footsteps! If you have never been to a Taco Sale, I hope you get the opportunity to do so during this New Year. You are always welcome to set at our tables and partake in this extraordinary event.

Several months ago, I mentioned that we had a new cook at the Panola Center. Rebekah Hicks grew up in Achille and attended the local school system. When she isn't working at the Panola Center, Rebekah is working to keep up with her two sons, Mason and Zach. Her hobbies are fishing, camping and family gatherings. I hear she makes pretty good fry bread too! We are excited to have Rebekah Hicks on board.

One final note: I am so proud of my nephew, Jared Clayton, on his recent graduation from Southern Methodist University. You can read more about that in the announcement section of the Times.

"Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth." 1 John 3:18
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million for the month and \$32.76 million year-to-date.

Tribal businesses on pace through first quarter

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Division of Commerce. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of tribal government, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Business revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes and other sales revenues from convenience stores, travel plazas, tobacco stores, other tribal businesses as well as rental and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, the Chickasaw Times and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditures for education include education scholarships as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending December 31, 2015.

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$13.7 million for the month and \$47.93 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$11.92

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through December 31, 2015 totaled \$327.82 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$77.28 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$29.35 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At December 31, 2015 the tribal government funds had \$353 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$22.58 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$228.19 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of December 31, 2015, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of \$2.18 billion.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Three Months Ended December 31, 2015			
	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues			
\$ 2,104,868		327,825,779	329,930,648
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	47,930,978	(47,930,978)	-
Total funds available	50,035,846	279,894,802	329,930,648
Expenditures			
General government	1,958,205	-	1,958,205
Legislature	757,773	-	757,773
Judiciary	294,561	-	294,561
Education	4,043,213	-	4,043,213
Heritage Preservation	6,076,813	-	6,076,813
Health	3,810,777	-	3,810,777
Youth Services	1,239,056	-	1,239,056
Family Services	3,813,235	-	3,813,235
Nutrition Programs	1,775,650	-	1,775,650
Regulatory	3,208,993	-	3,208,993
Assistance Programs	5,790,364	-	5,790,364
Gaming expense	-	193,915,126	193,915,126
Other businesses' expense	-	56,624,788	56,624,788
Total expenditures	32,768,640	250,539,914	283,308,554
Increase in net assets	17,267,207	29,354,887	46,622,094
Beginning net assets	818,638,319	1,322,439,260	2,141,077,579
Ending net assets	\$ 835,905,525	1,351,794,148	2,187,699,673
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets December 31, 2015			
	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	\$ 353,218,647	228,195,148	581,413,794
Receivables	15,303,790	123,669,983	138,973,773
Inventory	104,635	7,468,450	7,573,085
Prepaid expenses	-	17,790,902	17,790,902
Other Assets	-	1,078,139	1,078,139
Fixed assets	470,811,028	1,114,270,656	1,585,081,684
Less payables	(3,532,574)	(140,679,130)	(144,211,704)
Net Assets	\$ 835,905,525	1,351,794,148	2,187,699,673

Tishomingo District achievements are leading the way in Chickasaw Nation

Chokma!
Greetings from the Tishomingo District! While reviewing the 2015 Chickasaw Nation Progress Report and reflecting on the multitude of accomplishments and tremendous progress made in the last year, it has reminded me, once again, of the enormous strides we, the Chickasaw Nation, have made.

Especially in the time I have been a legislator. Working hand and hand with Gov. Anoatubby, we have accomplished many projects and established a multitude of services to enhance the lives of all of our citizens. Each year, services are expanded to reach more of our citizens throughout the world.

In the Tishomingo District, I am pleased we have been able to work together toward one goal and establish facilities such the Chickasaw Cultural Center, which was a goal of many Chickasaws for decades and has now welcomed over 400,000 guests; and the Artesian Hotel, which has sparked a rejuvenation in the local economy and created a new destination for our state.

Other projects we broke ground in 2015 in Tishomingo will enhance lives of Chickasaw citizens of all ages, from preschool to our elders.

We can't forget the projects completed in the last few years which give a nod to our history, such as the rehabilitation of the Capitol building and the Council House Museum, and the Chickasaw White House.

Throughout the Chickasaw Nation in my time as a legislator, we have built state-of-the-art medical centers in Ada, Ardmore and Tishomingo and established and maintained vital health care and family services.

Our elders, the ones whose determination and dedication to our tribe led the way to our successes, now can enjoy 12 senior sites located throughout the Chickasaw Nation.

In 2015 in Oklahoma City, we broke ground for a Chickasaw Community Center and Chickasaw Senior Center, which further extends our outreach to citizens.

We also place a high priority on educating our youth at all stages of their development, from child care to higher education, ensuring we will have talented, accomplished individuals to lead us well into the future. The higher education and career technology programs provided nearly \$18.6 million in scholarships, grants and other forms of support to more than 4,800 Chickasaw students during the past year. Tutoring assistance to more than 300 Chickasaw students was provided by the Chickasaw Nation in 2015.

Also, almost 9,000 Chickasaw Nation license plates have been issued in the past year.

I am so very proud and honored to have played a very small role in the progress of our Chickasaw Nation.

The strides we have made throughout the past two decades are the realization of our hopes, dreams and goals of yesterday.

But we are not finished.

There are still more goals to conquer and progress to be made.

Working together, we can accomplish anything.

As always, thank you the privilege of serving as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Chokma' shki,
Tim Colbert
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TIM COLBERT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Stonewall community has been home to robberies, shootouts, fires and more

Hello Everybody,
As most of you know by now, I was born and raised in the Stonewall, Oklahoma area. In addition to playing a significant role in Chickasaw history, Stonewall has an interesting history of its own that includes outlaws, humorists and everything in between.

Ada Evening News staff writer, Leo Kelley penned an article on June 19, 2002 that documents and summarizes some of the events in Stonewall and nearby Frisco. I would like to share it with you.

"Old timers of Stonewall will tell you that their community has had its share of excitement over the years. On Jan. 5, 1910, bank robbers used nitroglycerin to blow open the First State Bank safe. The massive explosion - the perpetrators had used too much nitro and almost destroyed the entire bank - alerted residents and an old-fashioned shoot out occurred on Main Street.

In April 1932, "Pretty Boy" Floyd and his infamous gang, knocked off the same bank. The Stonewall marshal chased the bandits in a Model T as they fled toward Ada. The elusive Floyd eluded capture but was still recovering months later from a gunshot wound he received in the fierce battle.

A year before, oldtimers recall, Will Rogers had visited the town and quickly drew a large crowd with his rope tricks and hilarious commentary.

Two months later most of the downtown businesses were destroyed by a mysterious fire.

In fact, the Stonewall area can boast of one of the most vivid histories of any community in Oklahoma.

It was rather ironic that the new State Highway 3, completed a few years ago bypassed the city of Stonewall because for hundreds, perhaps thousands of years, major trails had passed through the area.

Before Indian Territory, which included present eastern Oklahoma, was created, the fierce Osage tribesman followed the buffalo migration through the region. Millions of the shaggy beasts followed a north-south trail that moved through the Allen area and past the present location of Stonewall, and the Fort Gibson to Fort Sill road, surveyed and constructed in 1834 by the historic Leavenworth (Dragoon) Expedition, snaked through the present Stonewall area. Some say a major battle over hunting rights once occurred between the Osage and Comanche tribes near where Stonewall is located.

The fascinating history of Stonewall coincides with that of Frisco. One could argue that the two communities have a closer relationship than most other towns in the Sooner State. In fact, old Stonewall was once located on the Frisco townsite. Sound confusing? Well even some local residents are unaware of the historical path the two shared during Indian Territory days and then after Pontotoc County became a part of the state of Oklahoma in November 1907."

You know, 1907 was a watershed year for Chickasaws and tribes whose land was allotted under the Dawes Rolls. It is therefore a good place to stop this article for now. We'll pick it back up next month right here for more Chickasaw and Stonewall area history.

Respectfully,
Katie



KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature



If you are not yet a community council member, now is the time

Chokma!
I hope everyone is doing well so far this wonderful New Year! Let's all come together and cherish each moment that the year shall behold with a blissful start to 2016.

We have had a much milder winter thus far, with the exception of a few rain showers. Spring will be around the corner before we all know it. With that said hopefully the

weather will continue to cooperate for the new construction going on in Tishomingo. Things are beginning to progress greatly in the Tishomingo District with the construction of the new Chickasaw Senior Site, Head Start, Community Building, and Welcome Center are well underway. These facilities will be an enormous asset to the Tishomingo District. Hopefully once they have been completed we can continue to look at the possibilities for a Hotel, Restaurant, and Casino in this area. A hotel is something that has been much needed in the Tishomingo area for several years. There are lots of events that take place each month in this area that require visitors to stay overnight. Many of these visitors have to stay in the adjacent towns that have hotels. One of the most important things of construct-

ing a Hotel and the new facilities that I mentioned is employment. We are in much need in the Tishomingo area for new jobs. These new facilities will allow more Chickasaws in our area to have an opportunity to work in Tishomingo instead of looking elsewhere for employment. This is another great example of the Chickasaw Nation boosting the economy in a much needed area.

We have several Chickasaw councils across the United States that have been formed over the years. If you have not attended a council in your area, I highly recommend it. These councils have been formed by Chickasaw citizens like yourself to connect with each other as groups for fellowship. These councils assist members to learn about Educational Programs, History, Culture, and meet representatives from the Chickasaw Nation. To learn more about the councils in your area or starting a new council, contact the Chickasaw Nation Community Outreach Program (580) 332-1165. The Legislators attend these councils throughout the year all over the United States. If you have not yet had an opportunity to attend a council, we would love to see you at one. It is always a pleasure to visit with Chickasaw citizens at these councils, hearing your thoughts and ideas on how to continually improve our services is what we are here for.

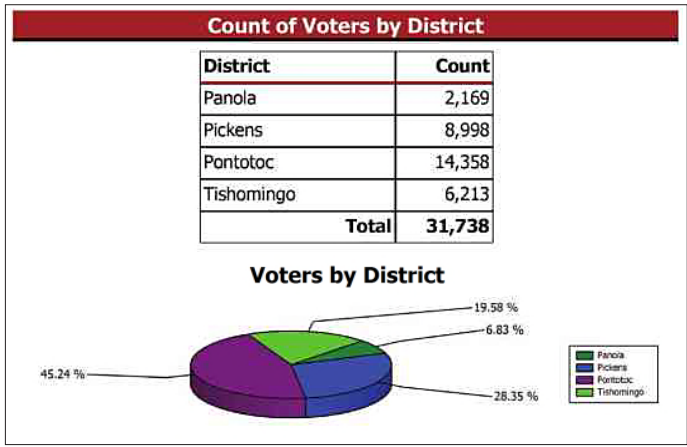
It is my honor and privilege to be your Legislator. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Chipisala cho anowa, (Until I see you again)
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SCOTT WOOD

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature



2014-2015 Tribal Legislature

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CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
December 18, 2015

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Connie Barker called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker
Member absent: David Woerz
Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary; Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms;
Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel
Guests present: Michael L. Wingo, Judy Foster, Rita Loader, Dana Lance, Patrick Cravatt

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Mr. Perkins.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - November 20, 2015

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Case to approve the November 20, 2015 minutes.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 12 yes votes
The motion to approve the minutes of November 20, 2015 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Permanent Resolution Number 32-007, Amendments to Title 5, Articles C, E, H and N and Title 6, Chapters 1 and 4 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Courts and Procedures; Domestic Relations and Families)
This resolution amends Title 5, Article C, E, H, and N and Title 6, Chapters 1 and 4 of the Chickasaw Nation Code to eliminate the Chickasaw Nation courts’ jurisdiction over divorce, legal separation and annulment actions.
Chairperson Barker called twice for a motion to bring PR32-007 from the table. The resolution failed for lack of a motion.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Toby Perkins
Permanent Resolution Number 33-001, Amendments to Title 10, Chapter 1 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Finance and Taxation General Provisions)
This Resolution updates specific provisions of the Finance and Taxation Code dealing with deposited funds and invested funds and clarifies that while deposited funds require FDIC insurance and possible collateralization, invested funds do not. Several definitions are added and a new code section is added for “Contractual and Fiduciary Funds,” thereby changing the section numbering after Section 10-101.11.
A motion was made by Mr. Perkins and seconded by Mr. Wood to approve PR33-001.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker 12 yes votes
The motion to approve PR33-001 carried unanimously.
Mr. Perkins concluded his report.

(B) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus
General Resolution Number 33-011, Gubernatorial Appointment - Chickasaw Nation Election Commission Ms. Tommi Johanna Harkins
This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby’s appointment of Ms. Tommi Johanna Harkins to the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission ending on December 31, 2017 filling the unexpired term of Mr. Mark Riesen.
A motion was made by Mrs. McManus and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR33-011.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker 12 yes votes
The motion to approve GR33-011 carried unanimously.
Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(C) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs
General Resolution Number 33-006, Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Murray County
This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation’s request to accept real property, in Murray County, Oklahoma, for a Total of 478.94 acres, more or less together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear accepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous. The property is to be utilized for Chickasaw Retreat & Conference Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma.
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Wood to approve GR32-006.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker 12 yes votes
The motion to approve GR33-006 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 33-007, Authorization for Transfer and Acceptance of Real Property in Pontotoc County
This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation’s acceptance of a transfer of real property from Sovereign Properties Holdco LLC, Located in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, and hereby incorporated by reference together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous. The property is known as former K-Mart Building is to be utilized as a retail facility.
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Perkins to approve GR32-007.
Members voting yes: Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker 11 yes votes
Member abstaining: Beth Alexander - 1 Abstention
The motion to approve GR33-007 carried.

General Resolution Number 33-008, Authorization to Donate Real Property in Love County
This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation to donate real property to the City of Marietta, located in Love County, Oklahoma, described as Lots Fourteen (14) and Fifteen (15) of Block Twenty-Six (26) of the City of Marietta, Love County, Oklahoma and hereby incorporated by reference together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to donate the real property to the City of Marietta.
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Colbert to approve GR32-008.
Members voting yes: Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 11 yes votes
Member abstaining: Beth Alexander - 1 Abstention
The motion to approve GR33-008 carried.
General Resolution Number 33-009, To Rescind and Replace General Resolution 32-025 (Authorizing the Acquisition of Real Property in McClain County)
This resolution rescinds General Resolution 32-025 for the purpose of specifically and correctly identifying the complete legal description for property located at 1413, 1415 & 1417 Green Avenue, Purcell, Oklahoma, addition to the Chickasaw Nation Purcell campus properties.
A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mrs. Green to approve GR32-009.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker 12 yes votes
The motion to approve GR33-009 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 33-010 Perpetual Easement and Right-of-Way in McClain County
The public roadway currently known as NE 24th Street Bypass is complete and is being used for the public as ingress and egress to our property and the adjoining land owners, running east and west to I-44 access road (hwy. 62), in or near the city of Newcastle. Currently there are no easements record-

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ed. This resolution authorizes and approves a perpetual and right of way easement for the purpose of allowing the City of Newcastle, a municipal corporation, and its successors and assigns, licensees and franchisees, a perpetual easement and right-of-way to construct, maintain, install, repair, and/or replace streets currently known as NE 24th Street Bypass for ingress and egress purposes. A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Perkins to approve GR32-010.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 12 yes votes
The motion to approve GR33-010 carried unanimously.
Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)
Ms. Judy Foster thanked the Nation for the elders’ baskets.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT
The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Prepared by:
Nancy Elliott, Secretary, Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature; Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
Legislative Session
Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
January 15, 2016

AGENDA ITEM #1	CALL MEETING TO ORDER
AGENDA ITEM #2	ROLL CALL
AGENDA ITEM #3	INVOCATION
AGENDA ITEM #4	APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 18, 2015
AGENDA ITEM #5	UNFINISHED BUSINESS
AGENDA ITEM #6	REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

GR33-012 Authorization for Acceptance of Right-Of-Way and Easement in Carter County

GR33-013 Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Carter County

AGENDA ITEM #7	NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)
AGENDA ITEM #8	ADJOURNMENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee • January 11, 2016
Present: Toby Perkins, Tim Colbert, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Connie Barker, Nancy Elliott, Linda Briggs
Land Development Committee • January 4, 2016
Present: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Mary Jo Green
Health Care Committee • January 4, 2016
Present: Connie Barker, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Mary Jo Green
Executive Committee • January 4, 2016
Present: Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Connie Barker, Nancy Elliott, Scott Wood, Linda Briggs
Absent: Dean McManus
Education Committee • January 4, 2016
Present: Beth Alexander, Toby Perkins, Shana Hammond, Katie Case, Connie Barker, Nancy Elliott, Linda Briggs



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Chickasaw, other Native artists to submit proposal

Indian mural art to grace walls of OKC Bricktown district thoroughfare

OKLAHOMA CITY - Visitors to Oklahoma City's Bricktown entertainment district will soon be immersed in Native American art. Officials with the Chickasaw Nation and Downtown OKC, Inc., recently announced a partnership for a public art project that will transform the Sheridan Avenue underpass.

"Art programs and other beautification efforts have long been welcome and appreciated in Oklahoma City," Downtown OKC president Jane Jenkins said. "The community as a whole is starting to realize that making our town more interesting also has a positive impact on the city's image, economy, and walkability. Our organization is hoping to spur more creativity by organizing and funding more art that is accessible to everyone."

The Sheridan Avenue underpass would be the second such structure to incorporate artwork

in the area. Artist Jason Pawley painted his mural "Cultivation" in the Reno Avenue underpass in 2015. Mr. Pawley's mural was also the result of a public art grant from Downtown OKC, Inc.

Chickasaw Nation tourism director Paige Williams said the mural will be a welcome addition to the area and would illustrate the talent and culture of Native American tribes.

"The Sheridan underpass is a popular thoroughfare for motorists and pedestrians experiencing the restaurants, attractions and stores in the area," Ms. Williams said. "With Exhibit C and Red Earth in the area, this public art project gives Native artists a greater stage from which to share their works of art on a very large scale."

The Sheridan Avenue underpass' main north and south walls measure nearly 120-feet long and 13-feet tall. Ms. Jenkins said mu-

rals would be completed by July 1, 2016.

Native artists may apply as individuals, as part of a team or both. However, an individual or team cannot submit two proposals/concepts in the same category. The request for proposal is open to Native artists who live in Oklahoma. Proposal submissions must be received by 5 p.m. Feb. 11.

Specific information about submitting a proposal can be gathered by contacting Kelley Lunsford at the Chickasaw Nation, (405) 767-8904, ext. 25553.

About Downtown Oklahoma City, Inc.



nual economic impact of more than \$2.4 billion in Oklahoma. The tribe has more than 13,000 employees. A democratic republic with executive, legislative and judicial departments, the tribe's jurisdictional territory includes all or part of 13 counties in south-central Oklahoma.

About Chickasaw Country

Chickasaw Country is a regional tourism organization representing 13 south-central Oklahoma counties. Lead by The Chickasaw Nation to blend tourism efforts in the region, Chickasaw Country represents festivals, events and attractions. A very diverse and cultural destination, Chickasaw Country has new adventures around every corner.

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'A Saturday Arts Program' offers young Chickasaw artists a place to express their tribal identities through creativity



Seven-year-old Chickasaw artist Cade Frye concentrates as he paints a dried gourd during the Chickasaw Nation's A Saturday Arts Program. Classes incorporate cultural components to inspire children to use traditional mediums in their projects.

ADA, Okla. - Seven-year-old Cade Frye has two passions. He loves Chinese culture and working on art.

Living across the planet from China makes it difficult to talk to people from that country. But living mere miles from the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities building in Ada means he gets his fill of the latter.

Recently, Cade took part in the Chickasaw Nation's A Saturday Arts Program. Provided with basic instructions, professional-grade paints and a dried gourd as a canvas, he quickly began creating a special piece of art that only he could originally envision.

"My gourd looks like a quail," Cade said. "The stem (of the gourd) reminds me of the feather on their heads. I just needed to paint it with wings and a beak. I have never actually seen quail, but I know it's the national bird of California."

Cade has an active imagination and an insatiable desire to learn. Living in the country near Ada, he is able to supplement his traditional education with specialized programs provided by the Chickasaw Nation.

"I am doing stuff I like to do," Cade said. "I am painting today."

As fun as the class seems to Cade and the others who attend, there is a more profound reason for the program. The two-hour class passes on valuable tribal information. It influences young artists between the third through sixth grades,

Chickasaw and non-Chickasaw alike.

Because the classes are taught using contemporary techniques, a child such as Cade may not realize he is learning Chickasaw culture until much later in life. Who would have guessed the seven-year-old would remember California's state bird based on a picture in a book?

Choices of class content are based on Native American art, particularly that of the Chickasaws. From the gourds to be used as canvases to the iconic Southeastern tribal designs viewed before paints are distributed, the smallest details have been pondered by the educators.

Gwen Postoak, Chickasaw art instructor, said other mediums have included pen and pencil drawings, painting, ceramic and textiles.

"We try to base our lessons on Chickasaw and other tribal cultures," Mrs. Postoak said. "We have used feathers, gourds, cloth, and even concrete in our projects in the past. We want to expose our students to many different mediums and styles with the goal of giving them an art experience that they may not get in school."

Completed artwork from A Saturday Arts Program has been submitted to competitions, including Oklahoma Arts Education Association's Young Peoples Art Exhibit and Red Earth. Children have also been asked to illustrate for

books published by the Chickasaw Press.

For more information on A Saturday Arts Program, visit chickasaw.net or call (580) 272-5520.

Chickasaw Foundation promotes cultural development, education

Founded in 1971, the Chickasaw Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization that provides services to preserve, promote and protect Chickasaw culture and development in areas, from historic preservation to healthcare.

The Chickasaw Foundation includes a board of trustees and staff who equally share a vision to develop and support the mission. The board of trustees and staff include:

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- Tina M. Cooper, Vice Chairman
- Holly Easterling, Treasurer
- Deanna Hartley- Kelso, Board Member
- John Fryrear, Board Member
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- Administrative Aide, Meagan Waller
- Tracie Carter, Executive Assistant
- Program Assistant, Sherrill Martin

On Oct.17, 2016 the Foundation will celebrate its 45th anniversary furthering its commitment to provide various programs, grants and scholarships to Chickasaw citizens.

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In Oct. 2014, Allen discovered through a routine life insurance physical exam that his kidneys were not working properly. After a kidney biopsy he was diagnosed with IgA Nephropathy. Within 6 months Allen was on dialysis and needed a kidney transplant.

Rae Ann learned about becoming a living donor from a transplant information event she was attending with her husband. After testing, Rae Ann found out she was a match for Allen, but they were encouraged to help other couples who didn't match.

The decision was made to enter the "paired exchange program". On Monday, August 31, 2015, Allen received a kidney from a woman named Stephanie.

Two days later, on Wednesday, September 2, Rae Ann gave her kidney to Stephanie's husband, Eric. Both kidneys began working immediately and everyone recovered quickly and are doing well.

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Charles Glen Norton



Charles Glen Norton 81, of Kingston, Okla. passed away Saturday, January 16, 2016 in Kingston.

He was born on October 30, 1934 in Earl, Okla., to the late Jess Norton and Eva Belle Hughes Norton. Charlie attended Province, Mannsville, Dickson and Coleman schools. He quit school in the eighth grade to work in the cotton fields.

Mr. Norton married Frances Parks and had two sons, Ricky and Glenn Norton. He later married Patricia Joan West on July 1, 1968 in Sulphur, Okla. They lived in Sulphur from 1968 to 2008, and he worked for Sequoyah Carpet Company and the Oklahoma School for the Deaf. He later worked for Halliburton Services before he retired and moved to Madill.

Charlie was of the Baptist Faith and enjoyed hunting, fishing and working odd jobs.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Joan Norton, of Kingston, Okla.; daughters, Lucinda K. Shipley and husband Mike, of Kingston, and Mary Jo Palmer, of Davis, Okla.; son, Ricky Glen Norton, of Davis; six grandchildren, Felicity Palmer and husband, Jack, Lane Shipley and wife, Amy, Dilan Shipley, Neeson Shipley, Jamon Shipley, and Richard Norton; two great-grandsons, Jaxxon and Laken Palmer; sisters, Ruby Palmer and husband, Joe, of Oklahoma City, and Lorene Newfield, of Wynnewood, Okla.

Charlie was preceded in death by his parents; son, Glenn Allen Norton; brothers, Ervin and Fred Norton; sisters, Jaunita Haley and Enna Jean Heilser

Services were Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at Watts Funeral Home, Kingston, Oklahoma. Willard McCartney officiated the service. Services were under the direction of Watts Funeral Home, Madill, Oklahoma.

Velda B. Graham



Velda B. Graham died December 30, 2015 in Purcell, Okla., at the age of 91 years 10 months 19 days.

She was born February 11, 1924 in Oklahoma City to George W. and Susie (Goins) Wallace. She attended Chilocco Indian School in Ponca City, then moved to Oklahoma City to live with her sister, Ella Ruth Hall, graduating around 1942. Velda married Donald Graham in Fort Smith, Ark., in 1952. They were married for 63 years. Velda loved painting, fishing, camping, traveling and making jewelry.

Velda was preceded in death by her parents, George and Susie Wallace; siblings, Lula Wilkerson, Ella Ruth Hall, Kenneth Wallace, L.V. Wallace, George Wallace, Tracy Wallace and Tommy Wallace.

Survivors include her husband, Donald, of Purcell; daughter, Jo Ann Larrabee, of Purcell; grandson, Robert Larrabee, of Norman, Okla.; siblings, Wanda, Shirley Stark, Clarence Wallace, all three of Purcell, Bob Wallace, of Vista, Calif., and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Not to forget her beloved dog, Scooter.

Funeral Services were Monday, January 4, 2016 at Wadley's Funeral Chapel.

Interment following in Hillside Cemetery under the care of Wadley's Funeral Service.

Delbert Delano Evans



Delbert Delano Evans, 81, a resident of Baton Rouge, Louisiana and native of Oklahoma City, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, December 12, 2015, on the Island of Antigua.

He was a proud citizen of the Chickasaw Nation. Delbert loved to travel and had been around the world more than once. He was also an avid sports enthusiast.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Nelson and Winona Evens; and brothers, Nelson, JD, Rex, Paul, Charlie, and Mike.

Delbert is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Hilda Baker Evans. He also leaves behind his children, Randy Evans and wife, Robin, and Dena Petty and husband, Todd; stepchildren, Melvyn Baker and wife, Ann, Debbie Elkins and husband, Tim, and Tracy Langlois and husband, John; grandchildren, Bryce Petty, Lexie Petty, Derek Elkins, Britney Anselmo, Lindsey Langlois, Trace Langlois, and Gabe Langlois; great-grandchildren, Joaney Young, Kendall Brackin, and Brees Anselmo; brother, Carl and wife, Carolyn.

A memorial service was Monday, January 4, 2016 at Resthaven Gardens of Memory & Funeral Home, 11817 Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70816.

Terry Martin, Jr.



Terry Martin, Jr. of Porum, Okla., was born January 25, 1963, in Muskogee, Okla., and passed away September 7, 2015, in Porum, at the age of 52.

Terry graduated from Porum High School. He was employed at Spirit Construction. Prior to that, he was employed at BRB Roofing for three years.

Terry was preceded in death by his grandmother, Ruth Snyder; and two nieces, Michele Curry, and Tracy Curry.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Ruth Ann and Harry Knickle, of Calera, Okla.; father and stepmother, Terry and Joyce Martin, of Eastman, Ga.; a sister, Penny Anderson, of Porum; and uncles and aunts, Billy and Sallie Jones, of Tulsa, Okla., Mickey and Linda Martin, of Tahlequah, Okla., and John and Nancy Hanes, of Greenville, Texas.

Funeral services were Friday, September 11, 2015 at Mallory Chapel, in Stigler, Okla., with Rev. Tommie Parker officiating. Burial followed in Coleman Cemetery under the direction of Mallory-Martin Funeral Home & Crematory, of Stigler.

Pallbearers were Wade Goodner, Clayton Corbell, Casey Mathews, Randy Stidham, Devlin Osmon, and Brad Pearce.

Clay P. Burney, Jr.



Clay P. Burney, Jr., 90, a resident of Irving, Texas since 1951, and former long-time owner of Big State Drug in Irving, died Tuesday, December 29, 2015 at a local care center. Born July 7, 1925 in McAlester, Okla., he was the son of the late Clay Potter Burney, Sr. and Leota Jones Burney.

He graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a pharmaceutical degree. He married Wanda Jean Brasher on August 2, 1951 in Quinton, Okla. They moved to Irving shortly thereafter where Clay worked for Big State Drug Store. He later bought the business and operated it until his retirement in 1992.

He was a member of the Rotary Club and First Baptist Church in Irving. He was very proud of his Chickasaw heritage.

Preceded in death by his wife, Jean in 2013, survivors include his daughter, Connie Basham and son, Mike Burney, both of Irving; and some cousins.

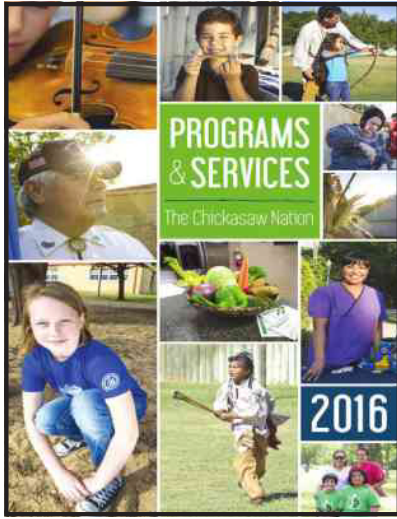
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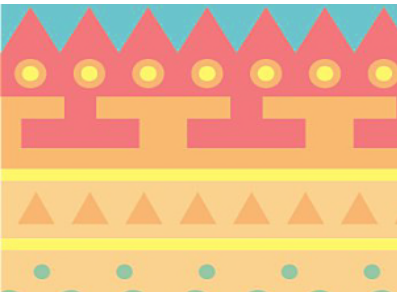
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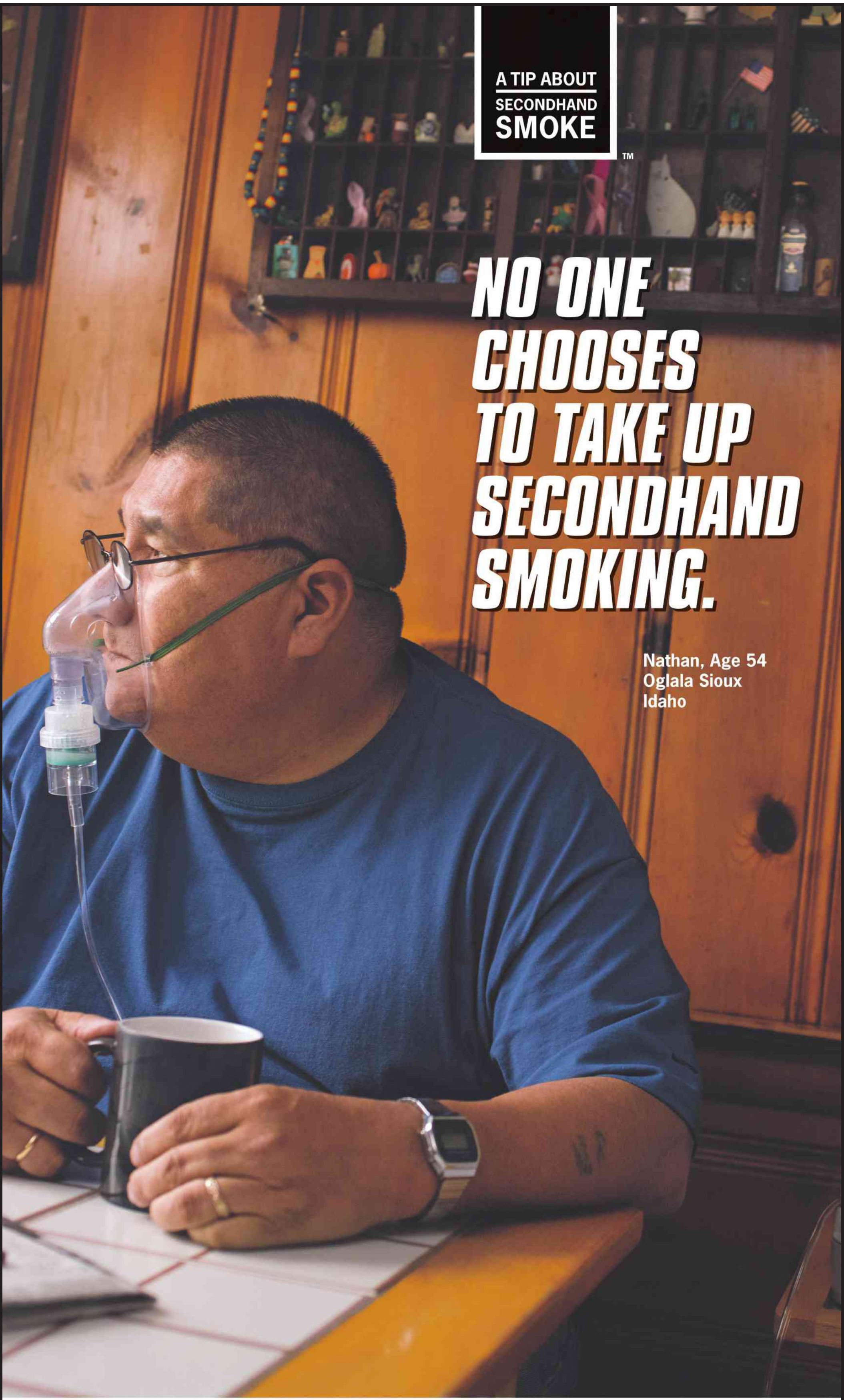
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